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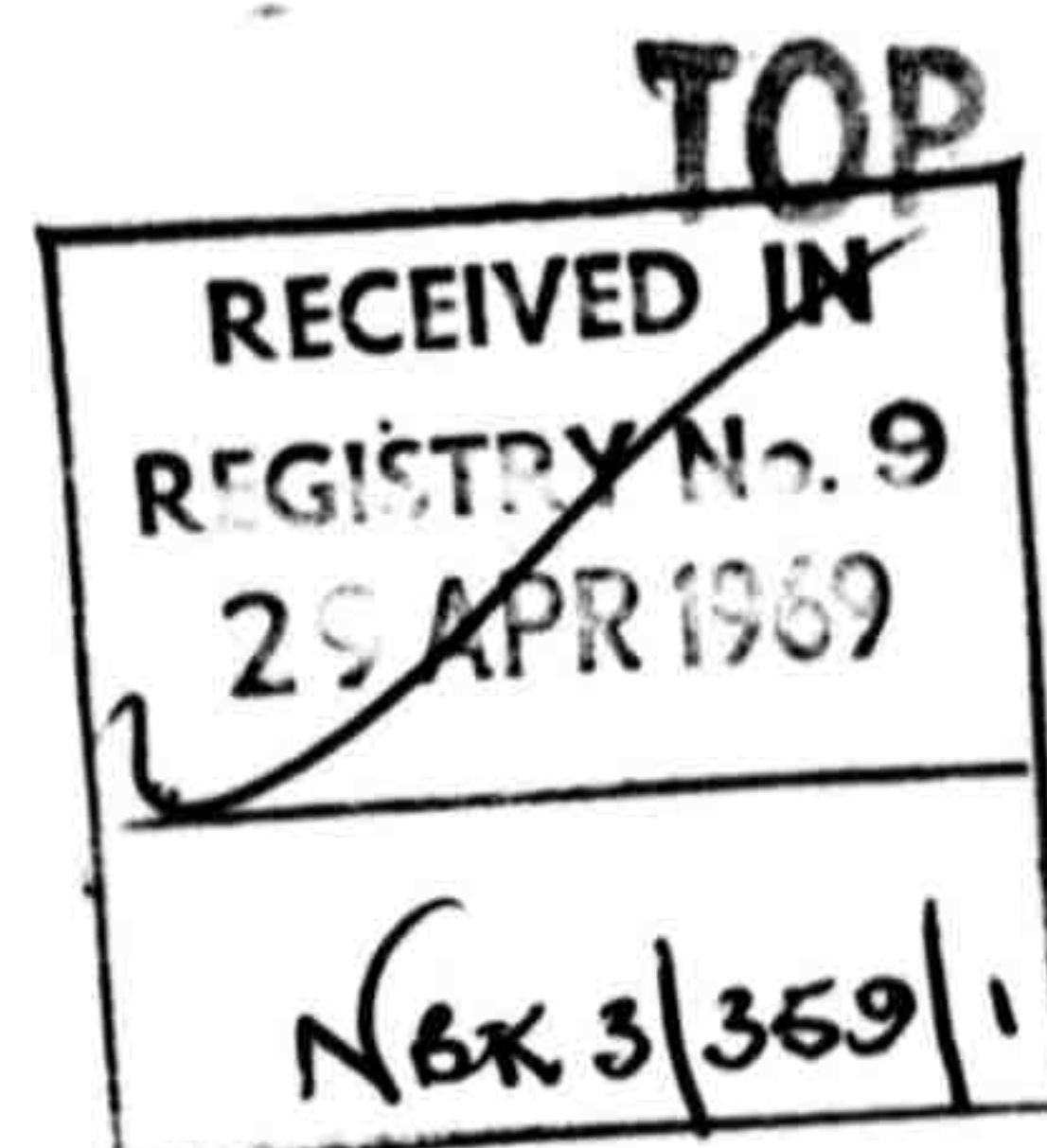
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KUWAIT TO FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

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ADDSD FCO TELNO 149 OF 28 APRIL RFI BAGHDAD AND CAIRO AND SAVING TO KHARTOUM (FCO PASS SAVING) .

TODAYS PRESS REPORTS THAT SHAIKH SA'AD AL ABDULLAH, THE KUWAIT MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND DEFENCE, ACCOMPANIED BY A MILITARY DELEGATION HEADED BY MAJOR GENERAL SHAIKH MUBARAK , THE CHIEF OF STAFF , WILL PAY A VISIT TO IRAQ , BEGINNING ON 30 APRIL, AND WILL SUBSEQUENTLY VISIT CAIRO. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS STATED TO BE TO DISCUSS MILITARY CO-OPERATION. SHAIKH SA'AD WILL VISIT KHARTOUM LATER IN THE COMING MONTHS

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
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Dear Sir,

Pamphlets Attacking the Iraqi
Government

I enclose translations of three pamphlets (the latter two run together in typing) which several members of the Embassy have received by post. (They were posted in Kuwait.) The first attacks the Iraq Government for its suppression of the Shi'a and Islam in general and is signed by "the Holy Jihad Front". The second - unsigned - attacks the Iraq Government for its economic failures and its corruption. The third, signed by "the National Front", calls on the Iraqi people to overthrow the government and restore democracy by means of the Front.

2. All the originals are duplicated and written on the same typewriter. They may well be Iranian inspired. Equally, they may be produced by a number of refugees from religious persecution who have recently come to Kuwait - perhaps again with Iranian "help". Earlier this month a Shi'ite divine, Shaikh 'Ali al Kourani, caused a great stir by preaching against "sister Iraq" in a Kuwait mosque. The pamphlets are probably connected with him or his friends.

Yours sincerely,

David

(D.E.S. Blatherwick)

A. Ibbott, Esq.,
Arabian Department,
F.C.O.

cc A.E. Saunders, Esq., Baghdad
M.C.S. Weston, Esq., Tehran

I have been a
lot of this type of
pamphletting recently.
I see that it is mostly
Iranian inspired
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(1) In the name of the Compassionate and Merciful God

The Unholy Alliance between the Baath Party
and Communism

The Baath party has entered into an unholy alliance with international Communism. Those ruling our dear Iraq high-handedly, tyrannically and falsely are seeking to turn her into a place of evil, corruption, dissolution and atheism and to turn our mosques and the mausoleums of our Imams into museums for foreign tourists. They also aim to split the people into feuding groups and factions to make it easier for themselves to strike at them and finish them off in due course, under the pretext of eliminating sectarianism in Iraq.

O Guardians of Good who are jealous of Islam! If you regard yourself as being weak, you will be treated as such by the advocates of Baathism and Communist atheism, and if your Islamic creed and your belief in the mission of Islam, weaken, you will be taken unawares by atheism, heresy and subservience to non-believers. The unholy alliance between the Baath and international Communism can only achieve its aims through casting doubt upon your religion and faith.

The Baath party has opened our country wide to international Communism in order to expose us to invasion by atheism and heresy in our own country. This party's recognition of Communist East Germany goes beyond the limits set even by those Arab countries claiming to be socialist. Our Ulemas and religious leaders are boiling with anger at this step taken by the Baathist Government. The Muslims of Iraq fear that our religious leaders may be forced to leave their homeland. The Baathist Government has tried to pretend to be making up to religious leaders. It sent a representative to meet the esteemed Ulemas, especially Mr. Ayatulla Sayed Muhsein al-Hakim, who made him understand by facial expressions

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of pain and sorrow that religion and Communism are irreconcilable.

The torch of Islam in Iraq is enveloped in the dense darkness of atheism and heresy. Act unitedly Muslims to dissipate this darkness by uprooting Baathism, Communism and Atheism from the pure land of Iraq.

The Holy Jihad Front

(2)

Arab Nationalists

Baathist Leaders are Thieves

The leaders of the puppet Baath party who have imposed their tyrannical domination on our country's resources by force and have put our fighting and patient people in the fetters of the rule of bloody intimidation, have set out to pillage unscrupulously the wealth of our people of whose mouths they are taking the bread to increase their accounts in foreign banks. They have used fighting against our brothers, the Kurds, in North Iraq, as a pretext to waste millions on killing, destruction and bloodshed, officers, lethal arms purchases and napalm bombs to kill innocent and free people demanding the simplest rights of citizenship. The leaders of the puppet Baath party do not hide their engagement in smuggling, blackmail, import of and selling in the black market of West German and American cars.

Ammashis in London sowing his wild oats while pretending to be on a visit to Poland and Takriti is also gambling the people's money away in London. The Baathist leaders are draining away the resources of Iraqi economy and oil revenues to serve their own purposes and for their pleasures, and individualistic self-centred ambitions.

The Iraqi dinar is threatened with collapse on stock exchanges because of the dwindling balance of our reserve of gold and rare currencies. The Iraqi economy is also on the verge of collapse because of our oil wealth running to waste and to us becoming burdened with foreign loans. Our country which once was one of the richest countries in the world is now suffering from a lot of problems and from exacting economic difficulties.

Why is unemployment prevailing in our country? Why have

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production investments been suspended in our country? Why is national capital being smuggled abroad?

The answer to all these questions is the same. Allocations made for construction and development are being spent on the import of arms to kill brothers and the Baathist leaders have been given a free hand to loot, rob and blackmail. The only course left open to our fighting people is to unite their ranks to strike a deadly blow at the puppet and criminal regime.

(3.) / O Fighting Iraqi people!

In order to purge the sacred land of Iraq from the foulness of the puppet Baath, to establish a genuine parliamentary democratic life and to put an end to the police totalitarian regime weighing our beloved Iraq down, you are invited, free and proud Iraqi citizens, to rally to your fighting National Front. The puppet Baath party which seized power taking the people and history un-awares, and which is in control of the resources of our free Iraq and our toiling millions, has gone so far in its wantonness and blindness that it has sacrificed the interests, precious hopes and basic aspirations of our people at the altar of its personal whims narrow party ambitions. The puppet Baath party which pretends to be committed to the revolutionary socialist line has usurped authority in our country imposed upon our people a despotic and totalitarian rule and pushed our country towards the verge of economic bankruptcy and sectarian feuds after looting the finances of the people and smuggling them abroad. The Baathist rulers represent themselves only and their persistence in the usurpation of power constitutes an open act of violation of the simplest principles of the honourable democratic life of our fighting people. It is therefore the duty of every citizen to honourably embark upon struggle to overthrow the outmoded totalitarian and individualistic rule, and the National Front is our means of achieving this noble aim.

.../You

You are invited, Citizens, to renounce minor feuds, to join forces and to rally to your National Front which has sworn to continue leading the struggle of the masses until the puppet Baathist regime is overthrown and the way is paved for a genuine parliamentary democratic rule which will not part with the sacred legitimate interests of the people.

Long live the Arab-Kurdish brotherhood.

Long live the struggle of all the national groups of our toiling people; workers, peasants, intelligentsia and revolutionary soldiers and officers.

Down with imperialism, Zionism and puppet reaction.

Let the will of our people unite to overthrow the puppet, criminal and despotic regime.

The National Front

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TROUBLE IN ABOUT APRIL WHEN HIS CAR WAS CONFISCATED
BECAUSE IRAQI CUSTOMS FOUND UNDECLARED SHOTGUN CARTRIDGES
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GUSON AND HIS HOST WISHED TO BRING GUNS AND CARTRIDGES
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AN OFFENCE. PROVIDED THEY DO SO AND FERGUSON
HAS A DIPLOMATIC VISA I SEE NO OBJECTION TO OCCASIONAL
VISITS. ALSO NO OBJECTION TO YOUR PARA (C).
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British Embassy,
BAGHDAD.

13 August, 1969.

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Please refer to David Blatherwick's letter 3/3 of 30 July to Alec Ibbott. You may wish to note for the record that enclosures (2) and (3) to that letter are identical to the sheets distributed in Beirut (my letters 1/3 of 1 August and 22 July refer). It would seem likely that this material is being produced in Beirut.

Yours ever

Mike Jenner

(M. K. Jenner)

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Near Eastern Department,
F.C.O.

Mr Bell

The Trois have
arrived at a similar
conclusion, no doubt!

a.c. D. E. S. Blatherwick, Esq.,
Kuwait.

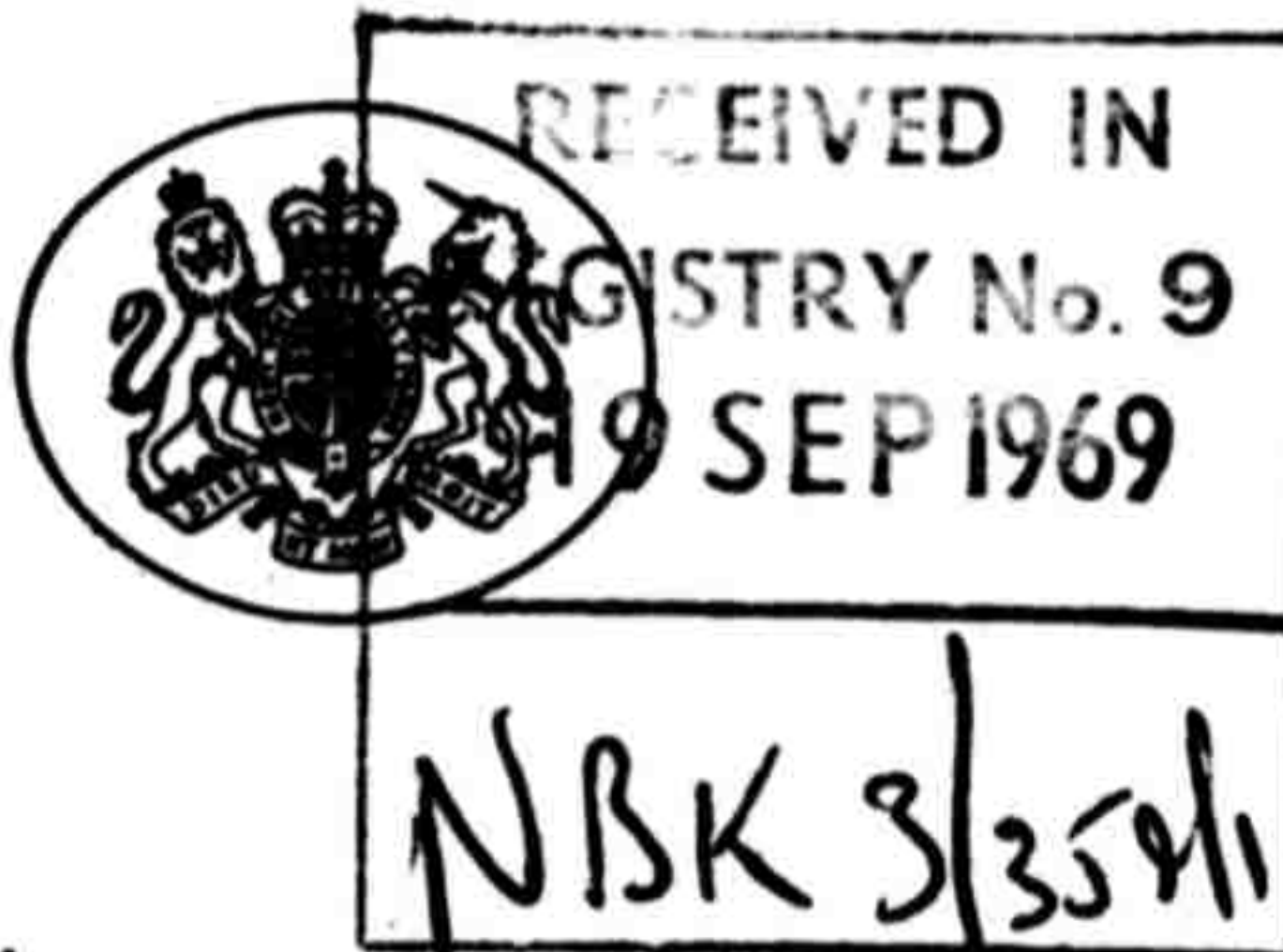
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BRITISH EMBASSY,
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Dear Edes

17 September, 1969

Visit of the Iraqi Foreign Minister
to Kuwait

The Iraqi Foreign Minister visited Kuwait for a day on 13 September. He saw the Crown Prince, the Acting Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs tell me that his primary purpose was to inform the Kuwait Government of the results of the "mini-Summit" of UAR, Syria, Jordan, Iraq and Sudan recently held in Cairo. He assured the Kuwaitis that the holding of this meeting had not in any way lessened the desire of the participants that there should be a comprehensive Arab summit meeting after the meeting of Ministers of Defence in November. I asked if any new decisions had been taken about unifying action on the Eastern Front, and was told merely that the governments concerned had agreed to strengthen their cooperative effort.

2. When I observed that the Minister had gone on to visit Bahrain and Doha, Issa al Hamad told me with great emphasis that the Kuwait Foreign Minister had stressed to the Iraqi that Kuwait was anxious that nothing should be done which could in any way disturb progress towards the establishment of the Union of Arab Emirates. It was clear that he wanted me to understand that the Iraqis had been asked not to stir up trouble in the Lower Gulf.

3. It is perhaps worth recording that we asked the Iraq Embassy here, before the Foreign Minister arrived, to inform us as soon as they were aware of his plans for visiting the Lower Gulf. They replied that they would inform the Bahrainis and they made no effort to get in touch with us. He had left again before we could contact them.

Yours ever
Alan Goodison
(A.C. Goodison)

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Agency Doha.

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